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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner Marvich for the courtesy extended to Nancy Vensko, attorney of record, on 25 October 2005. The Interview Summary Form PTOL-413 is understood to summarize the discussion held at the telephone interview. The present response to the outstanding Office Action includes the substance of the Examiner Interview.

A. Disposition of Claims

Claims 58-66 are pending in the application. By this amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 60 and 61 and claim dependent thereon. This amendment is presented to make explicit that which was implicit in original Claims 1 to 12, and thus for reasons unrelated to patentability. No new matter has been added. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

B. Compliance with 35 USC 112, first paragraph

The Patent Office rejected Claims 60-62 and 64-66 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The rule is: no new matter. Here, the terms that lack exact antecedent basis in the specification have been deleted and replaced with terms that have exact antecedent basis in the specification. Refer to page 13, paragraph 2, page 13, paragraph 3, and Example 9. The conclusion is the claims are in compliance with 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

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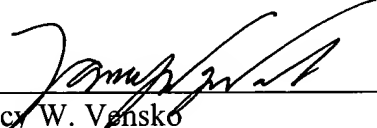
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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